

# USLCA Annual Awards

USLCA strives to recognize IBCLCs who are making a big difference!

- **USLCA Award of Excellence**

Awarding those advancing the IBCLC through leadership, advocacy, professional development, and research.

- **The Terry Jo Curtis Award**

Awarding the exemplary efforts of those increasing access and equity for the US IBCLC.

- **USLCA Presidential Award**

Awarding those that demonstrate extraordinary service to the association and profession.

## Nominations

In 250 words or less, explain why you believe the nominee is deserving of the award. Award winners for the Terry Jo Curtis Award and the USLCA Award of Excellence will be chosen by a panel of USLCA members. The Presidential Award will be selected by the Board of Directors.

Award winners will be announced at the Annual General Meeting and honored on the USLCA website, in the eNews, on Facebook, and in Clinical Lactation.

You may nominate yourself or a colleague by going to <http://uslca.org/uslca-annual-awards>

## Past Recipients

USLCA Award of Excellence- Inaugural Recipient

The Terry Jo Curtis Award- Inaugural Recipient

USLCA Presidential Award-Judy Gutowski, BA, IBCLC, RLC

## USLCA Award of Excellence

This award goes to a USLCA member who is working to advance the IBCLC within the US through leadership, advocacy, professional development, and research. USLCA members may submit nominations for member colleagues or may self-nominate.

### **Criteria for the USLCA Award of Excellence:**

A USLCA member and IBCLC who demonstrates any or all of the following areas:

#### **Leadership:**

An IBCLC who has established herself as a leader in the field by program development, policy change, or community impact. The nominee's work may be grassroots, at the state or regional level, or national, such as with the WIC program. Nominees collaborate within health care teams, write policies and procedures, consult as clinical expert, set practice standards, educate colleagues, administrators, allied health providers, or demonstrate professional leadership in another way.

#### **Advocacy:**

An IBCLC who has contributed to the profession by working toward licensure and/or reimbursement for the IBCLC. Award winners advocate for the IBCLC with legislators and policy makers at the local, state, or federal levels. Licensure and reimbursement help ensure family access to well qualified professional IBCLC services and make the IBCLC a viable career.

#### **Scholarship:**

An IBCLC who has contributed to the profession by publishing peer-review articles in journals or texts, presented at professional conferences, teaching lactation-related courses at the university level, and/or contributing to the body of knowledge through breastfeeding research. This nominee has an obvious commitment to elevating the standards of professional practice and sharing evidence-based clinical practices that best meets the needs of breastfeeding families.



## The Terry Jo Curtis Award

Terry Jo Curtis was an IBCLC who passed away in 2014. Terry was the founder of the Black Breastfeeding Association in Indiana and "her proudest achievement was becoming an IBCLC." She worked hard to decrease infant mortality and promote equity in the landscape of professional breastfeeding support.

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The focus is on exemplary efforts towards increasing access and equity for the US IBCLC.



## USLCA Presidential Award

Nominated and selected by the USLCA Board of Directors, this award will go to a USLCA member IBCLC who has demonstrated extraordinary service to both the association and the profession. Recipients of the USLCA Presidential Award must be willing to share a brief testimonial about their professional inspiration. This may be during the Annual General Meeting or in print in the eNews and on the USLCA website.